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## Century of Progress - 1933

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"Wigwam" where Lincoln was Nominated for President



**WHERE HISTORY WAS MADE**—The Republican "Wigwam," at the southeast corner of Lake and Market streets, was the scene of the national convention in 1860, and this photograph was taken while the convention was on. It was here that a gangly, theretofore little known Illinoisan named Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the presidency.

(Photograph courtesy of Chicago Historical society.)

CHICAGO ILL TRIBUNE  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1929.

December 14, 1931

Mr. Ralph Bonnell, Jr.  
506 South Wabash Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bonnell:

Enclosed you will please find letters of introduction to Mr. Otis Mather, Hodgenville, and Mr. Joe E. Wiebe, Lincoln City.

It has occurred to me since your visit here that the presentation of the evolution of the Lincoln homes might be much better visualized if the exhibits were all under the same roof.

This brings up the advisability of the question of the wigwam replica, which would allow the five Lincoln homes to be placed on the platform in the building to be used for concessions. In this way it seems to me that you would need very little ground if you would bring the exhibits together, so it would be of real historical value.

If you cannot find any information in Chicago about the original size of the wigwam and other data which might be necessary to have, we will have a thorough search made here for such information.

The more I think of your project, the more it appeals to me and I think you will have the cooperation and interest of all historians, if the plan you contemplate can be developed.

Please feel free to call upon us if you feel we can assist you further in this project.

Respectfully yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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VICE PRESIDENT

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Congress  
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Chicago December 22, 1931

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Louis A. Warren, Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Warren:

I received your letter of December 14th,  
also the enclosed letters of introduction for which I  
thank you.

I have investigated the Wigwam and have  
located in the Chicago Public Library a book containing  
a photograph of the exterior, an etching of the interior  
and a rather approximate floor plan all of which I am  
having photographed. I will send you a print of each  
when I receive them from the photographer.

Again thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

*Ralph Bonnell*

BB/JB

December 24, 1931

Mr. Ralph Bonnell  
731 Congress Bank Bldg.  
506 So. Wabash Ave  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bonnell:

Since you were here I came across copy of the New York Herald Tribune Magazine for February 9, 1930, which gives a brief story of the restoration of Lincoln studies.

As it is a duplicate copy you may keep it if it will be of any help to you in your project.

Respectfully yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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LAWRENCE HEYWORTH  
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January 5th, 1932

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Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Warren:

As per my recent letter to you, I am enclosing  
herewith photographs of the Wigwam.

Undoubtedly you are the possessor of one of  
more of these pictures but I hope they will be of some value  
to you.

Thanking you for your clipping in regard to  
Lincoln's study in the White House, I am

Yours very truly,

*Ralph Bonnell, Jr.*  
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Chicago January 25, 1932

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Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Warren:

We understand that when the Lincoln's moved to Indiana the first winter was spent in a three sided lean-to structure, the fourth side of which was hung with bear skins.

The substitution of this structure for the Indiana home in our proposed exhibit would add to the drawing power of this exhibit.

We would be very pleased if you would inform us as to the authenticity of this three sided cabin and, if possible, its size and furnishings.

Yours very truly,

CONGRESS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

By:

*Ralph Bonnell*  
Assistant Engineer

B/JB

January 28, 1932

Mr. Ralph Bonnell  
Suite 731 Congress Bank Bldg.  
506 S. Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bonnell:

We certainly trust you will not be drawn aside from your original purpose to present an exhibit that may be recognized for its historical value.

There is no truth whatever in what was called the Half faced camp of the Lincolns, merely another bit of that early propaganda which tried to set him apart from other pioneer boys. A portrait of the cabin in which he lived during most of his Indiana years is available and it would be deceiving your visitors to exhibit any kind of a three sided camp which was occupied as a Lincoln home.

Very sincerely yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:LH

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CHIEF ENGINEER

# Congress Construction Company

Chicago January 29, 1932

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Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation  
The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Warren:

We wish to thank you for the information contained in your letter of January 28th, and advise that we are going ahead with the Lincoln Replica as originally planned.

A few days ago I made a trip to Hodgenville, Kentucky and the man in charge of the Memorial at Hodgenville told me exactly what you told me in your letter, that is there was no truth in the talk about "the half faced camp of the Lincoln's."

Thanking you for this and other past favors, we are

Very sincerely yours,

CONGRESS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

By:

*Ralph Bonnell*

B-7JB

March 9, 1932

Mr. Ralph Bonnell  
Congress Construction Co.  
506 South Wabash Street  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bonnell:

Thank you very much for sending me the campaign book of the D. W. Griffith Corporation. It is very interesting, indeed, and I am very glad to have it for my files.

Very sincerely yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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LOUIS A WARREN, LINCOLN NATL LIFE INS CO=

:HAVE YOU MAILED LIST OF FURNISHINGS FOR VARIOUS CABINS RUSH=

:RALPH BONNELL.



May 19, 1932

Mr. Ralph Bonnell  
Congress Construction Company  
506 South Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bonnell:

I regret very much that I have been so late in answering your request and even now I cannot fully comply with it. It was my intention to have gone to Peru on Sunday and go over the possible items for display. I telephoned to Mr. Phelps but he said he could not be there Sunday. I then planned to go Tuesday but was prevented by engagements at this end, so I will give you what information I can on the attached sheet although I believe one could do much more by going through the museum at Peru and selecting items of that period which one might conclude where in the Lincoln cabin.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH  
Enc.

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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Mr. Louis A. Warren  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company  
Fort Wayne  
Indiana

Dear Mr. Warren:

Our Abraham Lincoln Exhibit Group is practically in a complete form save for a few extra exhibits that we would like to place in the Wigwam. Is your organization still interested in loaning us a collection of Lincoln pictures for exhibition purposes? If so, will you please communicate this information to us with a list of the articles you desire to send.

The Congress Construction Company, of course, will pay all the transportation charges, to and from Fort Wayne, Indiana, and all costs of displaying the exhibit. Due credit will be given the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company for the loan of this exhibit.

Hoping you will soon see your way clear to visit Chicago and make an inspection of this Group, we are

Yours very truly,

CONGRESS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

By:

*Ralph Bonnell*  
Engineer

B/JB

August 2, 1932

Mr. Ralph Bonnell  
Congress Construction Company  
506 South Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bonnell:

When an opportunity occurs I will be very glad to come to Chicago and look over your Lincoln exhibit. I have heard some very favorable reactions from those who have attended and one or two complaints that you are pressing undue stress on Abraham Lincoln's proprietorship of a saloon at New Salem. This is not so good because it is not true.

We have just gotten together a collection of twenty-five political cartoons of 1861 and 1864 to be exhibited in Cleveland, Ohio, week after next. There is some possibility we might be able to forward them on to Chicago from Cleveland as, of course, they would be very timely for display in the Wigwam.

However, just as soon as I can get some definite information as to how we intend to route these cartoons, I will let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH  
Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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Congress  
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Oct. 4, 1932

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Dr. Louis A. Warren  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

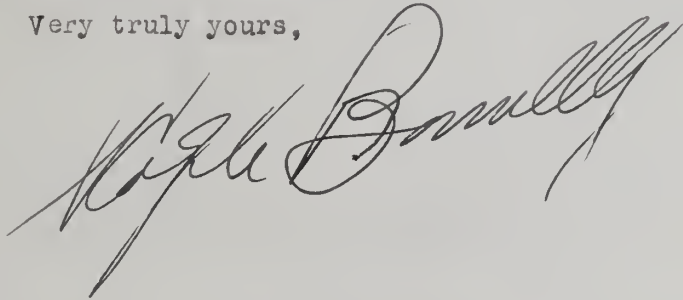
Dear Sir:

I am taking this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful entertainment that my wife and myself received when in Fort Wayne for the unveiling of your magnificent new statue.

I wonder if you have a picture of Ann Rutledge that you could lend us. I would very much like to have a picture of Ann Rutledge and a contemporary picture of Lincoln of approximately the same size and have the two similarly frame and place at both ends of the mantle piece in our Rutledge Tavern.

If you could loan me these two pictures I would appreciate it very much.

Very truly yours,





October 7, 1932

Mr. Ralph Bonnell  
Congress Construction Company  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bonnell:

I regret to advise you that there is no picture of Ann Rutledge available, and none of Abraham Lincoln taken as early as the time of his contact with Ann Rutledge.

We have on display now in the window of the South Bend News Times a very fine collection of political cartoons on Lincoln. These may be loaned to you later if you are to have them. If you are in the vicinity of South Bend you might drop by and see them.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:EB

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation



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SECRETARY

## CONTINENTAL CONCESSION COMPANY

506 SOUTH WABASH AVENUE

TELEPHONE HARRISON 5557

CHICAGO  
Oct. 22, 1934

Dr. Louis A. Warren  
% Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:—

The writer, together with an associate, has conceived an advertising idea for use at the 1935 Exposition at San Diego, California. This scheme is of some magnitude and requires financing. The project is self liquidating and in no way is dependent upon the income from concessions for its success. Besides a tremendous amount of profit, in excess of \$300,000.00 the corporation financing the project will receive millions of dollars worth of free publicity and advertising. If your company would be interested in a project of this type I would be glad to mail you a complete set of proposals for the project.

approved as of December 1, 1932  
a Century of Progress  
Ralph C. Davis  
President



October 24, 1934

Mr. Ralph A. Bonnell, Secretary  
Continental Concession Company  
506 So. Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bonnell:

Thank you very much for advising us of an opportunity to make a good investment at San Diego, but I am sure the Company would not be interested in any project whatever which would call for an outlay of money in the form of an investment.

Thank you, nevertheless, for keeping us in mind when projects of publicity value are suggested.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH

Director

## ***Historic Buildings to Bring Back Life of Lincoln***

***Exhibit May be Completed by  
June 1, 1932***

The log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born, the Wigwam in which he was nominated for the presidency of the United States, and other buildings intimately associated with his life will appear in replica on Chicago's lakeshore, adjacent to old Fort Dearborn, as a part of the Century of Progress Exposition.

A Century of Progress officials have accepted from the Congress Construction Company an application for a permit to construct, erect, equip and to operate as a concession this group of buildings which will be known as the "Lincoln Group."

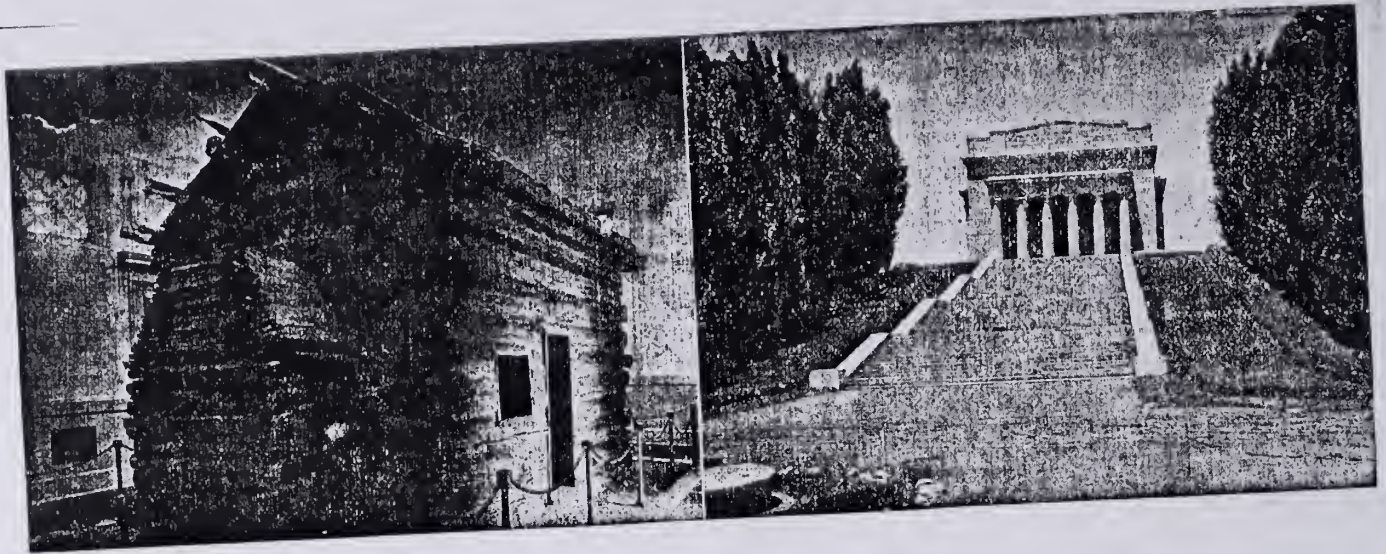
### **To Reproduce Birthplace**

For Lincoln's birthplace there will be erected an exact reproduction of the rude cabin at Hodgenville, Ky., which has been allowed to stand for a century and a quarter as a shrine for Lincoln worshippers. Nearby there will be a replica of Lincoln's home at what is now Lincoln City, Ind. A short distance away will stand a duplicate of the famous Lincoln-Berry store at New Salem, Ill., where the youthful rail-splitter worked as a clerk.

One of the most interesting buildings of the Lincoln Group will be a replica of the wigwam—the large frame building in which Lincoln was nominated for the presidency by the Republican party in 1860, and which stood at the corner of Lake and Market streets in Chicago. In the wigwam visitors will see reproductions of certain rooms in the Springfield home which Lincoln left for Washington, and also one or two rooms of the White House of his time.

It is expected that the Lincoln Group will be ready for operation on or before June 1, 1932.





## Lincoln Buildings in Replica to Be Shown at the 1933 Fair

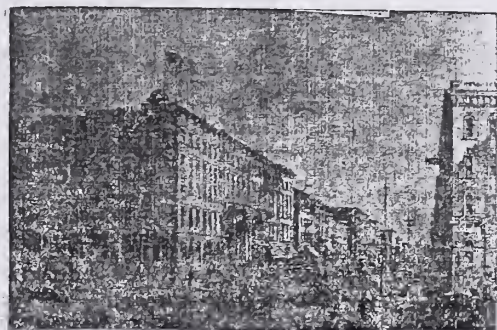
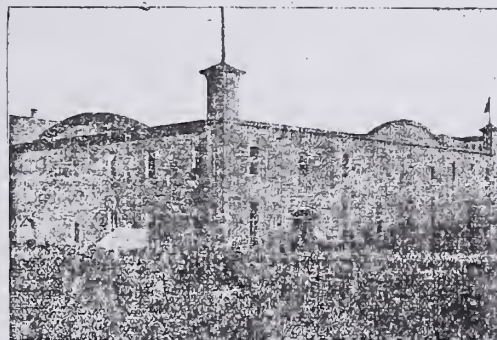
Wigwam Where He Was Nominated One Exhibit--Site by Fort.  
Display Ready June 1st, Year Before Opening, says the Herald-Examiner.

**B**UILDINGS intimately associated with the life of Abraham Lincoln—the log cabin in which he was born, the “Wigwam” in which he was nominated for the presidency and the grocery in which he clerked—will appear in replica on Chicago’s lake shore as a part of the Century of Progress Exposition.

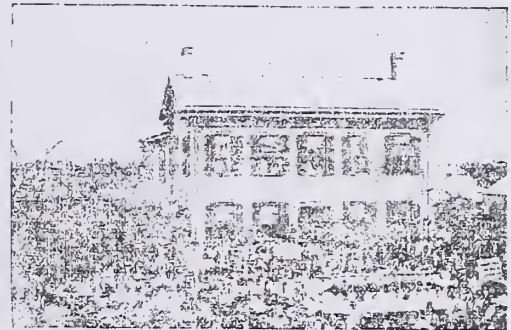
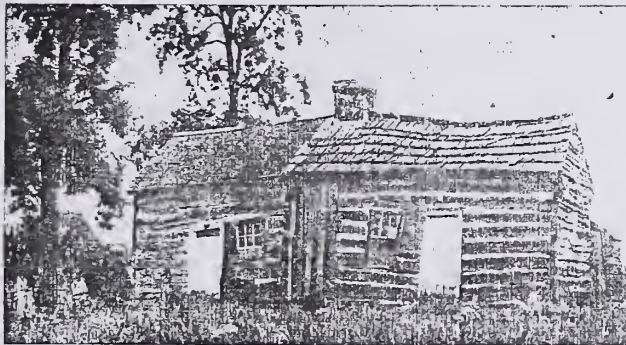
**T**HE Lincoln group of buildings proposed by the Congress Construction Company, will be erected on a site adjacent to the replica of Fort Dearborn, officials of the World’s Fair announced yesterday. Under the concessionaire’s plan they will be completed on or before June 1, a year before the exposition is to open. For Lincoln’s birthplace, the plan is to reproduce the rude cabin at Hodgenville, Ky.—(The above cut shows the cabin and the shrine that encloses the cabin)—which has stood for a century and a quarter and is a shrine for Lincoln worshippers.

Nearby would stand a replica of Lincoln’s home in what is now Lincoln City, Ind. A few paces away would be a duplicate of the grocery in New Salem, Ill., where the youthful rail-splitter worked as a clerk, studied Blackstone and demonstrated his ability to raise a barrel of whisky to his lips and did the hundred-odd feats which have become a part of the Lincoln tradition.

One of the most interesting buildings of this group, according to Lawrence Heyworth, president of the construction company, will be the replica of the Wigwam, the large frame building which stood at the corner of Lake and Market sts., and in which Lincoln was nominated in 1860. A palisade will surround the entire group of buildings.



Some Historic Landmarks in the life of Lincoln. Upper left, the "Wigwam," Chicago, where Lincoln was nominated for the Presidency. To the right, the Tremont House, Chicago, where Lincoln issued his Challenge to Douglas for a Joint Debate. Lower right, an Impromptu Reception on the lawn at Lincoln's home in Springfield, following his Election as President of the United States. To the left, Cabin in Coles County, in which the Father and Step-mother of Abraham Lincoln, died.



(Thomas Benton Shoaff, senior editor of "The Shelby County Leader," is a Grandson of Dennis F. Hanks, cousin of Abraham Lincoln, and also a Great-Grandson of Sarah Bush Johnston, Abraham Lincoln's Stepmother.)

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## Ground Broken for Structures To Depict Lincoln's Life

CHICAGO (AP)—Ground was broken today for a group of buildings that will depict for the World's Fair visitor of 1933 the life of Abraham Lincoln.

With brief ceremonies participated in by historians, Grand Army of the Republic officers and heads of the World's Fair, work was started on the group of reproductions which is expected to be completed by June 1.

The group will include reproductions of the log cabin at Hodgenville, Ky., in which Lincoln was born; the boyhood home in what is now Lincoln City, Ind.; the grocery store at Salem, Ill., in which Lincoln clerked, and the famous "Wigwam," the Chicago convention hall in which Lincoln was nominated for the Presidency in 1860. Inside the "Wigwam" will be copies of rooms in the Lincoln home at Springfield, Ill., and one or two of the rooms he occupied in the White House.

A carload of red clay is being brought from Hodgenville and logs from a cabin in Jersey City, Ill., so that the birth-place models on the fair grounds will be as near like the original as possible.

Mr. E. E. Besser  
Chicago, Illinois

May 3, 1932

Mr. Claude H. Davies of Fort Wayne, told Mr. Hall that he visited with Mr. Heyworth in Chicago in Friday last. Mr. Heyworth is building the Lincoln cabin for the Chicago Exposition. I understand there is to be an Abraham Lincoln group at the Fair comprising replicas not only of the log cabin in which Lincoln was born, but his boyhood home, the store in which he worked, and other buildings connected with him as well.

Mr. Davies says he mentioned our Company to Mr. Heyworth and he told Mr. Davies he would be willing to have our salesman locate a desk there and sell Lincoln Life insurance.

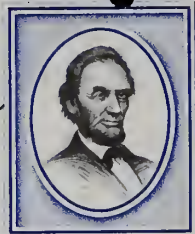
The thought occurs to me that it might pay you to contact Mr. Heyworth at the Abraham Lincoln group of buildings at the World's Fair.

Perhaps a Salary Savings case on the workmen to start out would be possible.

Very truly yours,

Manager of Agencies

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*Its name indicates its character*

EDWIN E. BESSER, JR., GENERAL AGENT  
166 W. JACKSON BLVD.

# The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company

Home Office - FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 4th, 1932.

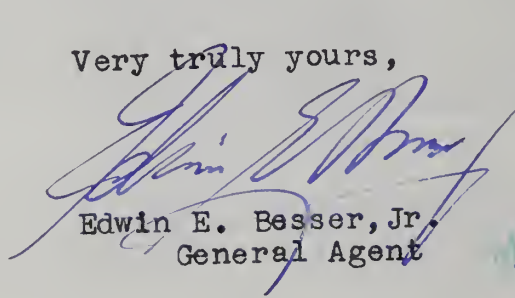
Mr. A. L. Dern,  
Lincoln National Life Ins. Co.,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Dern:-

I will get in touch with Mr. Hayworth,  
as suggested in your letter of May 3rd  
and will advise you of the results.

Thank you for this tip.

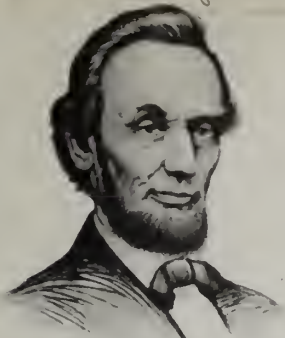
Very truly yours,

  
Edwin E. Besser, Jr.  
General Agent

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AGENCY OF  
THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE: FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

May 9th, 1932

LINCOLN NATIONAL  
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Answered  
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Mr. A. L. Dern  
Lincoln Nat. Life Ins. Co.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. Dern:

On May 3rd, you wrote me, in reference to the Abraham Lincoln Group at the World's Fair. Mr. Corby, who is acquainted with Mr. Heyworth, met him this morning, and the entire group will be finished and opened to the public on June 4th, of this year. It will be perfectly agreeable for Mr. Heyworth to give us a desk in the Wigwam and feel that perhaps it would be more appropriate that we have the Lincoln exhibit in connection with the Lincoln National Life, in connection with our desk.

I am writing to ask what your views are on this matter, as this can be made a proposition of mutual benefit for the company, rather than our using it entirely from the standpoint of Chicago prospects. I believe we can make a deal with Mr. Heyworth on some sort of a percentage basis of the insurance sold at the desk. I feel that the Lincoln Gettysburg letters can be used to good advantage in connection with such an exhibit.

Mr. Heyworth also asked if Mr. Hall would like to be present at the opening of this fair on June 4th or 5th and also if he would like to give a talk at the opening.

Kindly let me have your views on the above, so that I may proceed at once.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN E. BESSER, JR. GEN. AGT.



Edwin E. Besser, Jr.

EEB:B

June 16, 1932  
Dict. June 15

Mr. Edwin E. Besser, Jr.  
166 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Besser:

Some time ago I had a conference with Mr. Plogsterth about the possibility of your acquiring a desk at the Lincoln World's Fair booth.

If I recall correctly Mr. Plogsterth dictated a letter to you offering my assistance if your group desired to sponsor such a desk.

I take this occasion to offer you items from our collection which we think would be of human interest if you decide to follow through with Mr. Plogsterth's suggestion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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# A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION

CHICAGO

1933

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LENOX R. LOHR      MANAGER  
ALLEN D. ALBERT ASST. TO THE PRES.

May 25, 1932

Dr. Lewis Warren  
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren:-

I desire to make inquiry as to whether you can refer me to some work giving a description of the Offut store where Lincoln was employed in 1831.

I am particularly interested in the interior arrangement and the foodstuffs which were carried.

I have some data upon the conditions in similar stores so that it may be possible to closely approach the conditions in a re-production. I also have a price list of such foods as were ordinarily carried and the amounts of the same.

The object of this inquiry is to make a re-production of a typical grocery of about 1830 to 1833 to use to show the progress which has been made in 1933.

Any information which you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

*A. W. Bitting*

A. W. Bitting, In Charge  
Food Products Section

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# A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

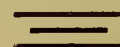
*takes shape in  
preparation for  
its opening in*  
1933



• The Dome of the Travel and Transport Building, which  
"breathes with the seasons" •



• Two Pilasters,  
Science and Industry,  
guard the entrance  
to the  
Administration Building  
The one pictured is  
Science •

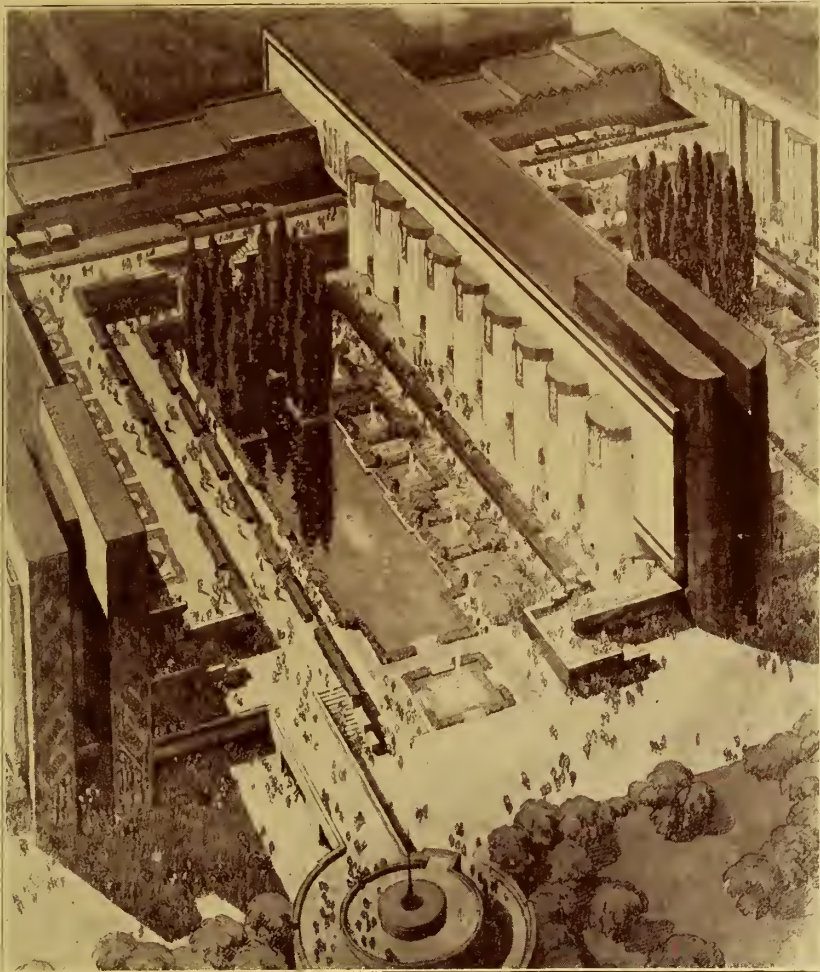


• The Travel and Transport Building, showing the entrance to the Ship Shed •



• The Administration Building, as seen from the steps of the Field Museum •





● General Exhibits Group (From an architect's rendering) ●



● Entrance to a State Building of the Court of States. ●



● Aerial view of the Court of States (From an artist's rendering) ●



# PERTINENT FACTS *about the* FAIR

- **THE OPENING DATE** of A Century of Progress has been officially set for June 1, 1933.

- **THE DURATION** of the Fair will be some 150 days, making the date of closing on or about November 1, 1933.

- **THE OCCASION** is the one hundredth anniversary of Chicago's cityhood. It is also the fortieth anniversary of Chicago's first great fair, the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

- **THE WORLD** has been invited and will attend Chicago's centenary. Never has a world's fair been more truly international in scope and in anticipated participation. The number of foreign governments that have already signified their intention to take part assures this.

- **NATIONAL SUPPORT** is equally gratifying. Practically every state and territory in the Union is making plans for participating.

- **ORGANIZED** under the laws of the State of Illinois as a private corporation, not for profit, A Century of Progress has a board of trustees made up of some eighty of Chicago's most prominent and influential citizens.

- **SUPPORTING THIS BOARD** are 267 Founder Members and the great army of loyal citizens who, five years in advance lent their financial and moral support.

- **THE SITE** of A Century of Progress is on Chicago's magnificent lake front, extending southward from 12th Place to 39th Street, east of the Illinois Central's trackage.

- **ITS AREA** is approximately 634 acres of mainland, island and enclosed water, one of the largest tracts ever utilized by a world's fair.

- **AT ITS DOORWAY** are more than \$20,000,000 worth of permanent buildings, presenting the last word in architectural magnificence—the Field Museum, the Shedd Aquarium, the Adler Planetarium, and the majestic stadium of Soldier's Field. Only a few blocks north, within easy walking distance, is the world-famed Art Institute. And behind all these, as an effective backdrop, Chicago's towering skyline.

- **ITS LOCATION** has been pronounced ideal by international experts. It has every requirement desirable in a world's fair—natural beauty, the proper combination of land and water, proximity to the heart of the city, and easy accessibility for all visitors.

- **TRANSPORTATION** facilities are unexcelled. The site could not be more admirably situated for visitors arriving by railroad, elevated, surface lines, bus or automobile.

- **EXHIBITORS** will find terminal facilities for handling freight of all kinds equally convenient and at a minimum cost.

- **THE TRAFFIC SITUATION** is well in hand, a survey dealing with this phase of the Exposition having been instituted months ago. In this connection, it must be remembered that the grounds are within walking distance of the loop.

- **FOUR GREAT ENTRANCES**, at least, will be available to handle the crowds. These are at the Grant Park end, 23rd Street, 31st Street, and 39th Street.

- **VARIOUS FORMS** of intramural transportation are receiving careful consideration. The Fair visitor who does not care to walk from place to place will find comfortable conveyances at his disposal.

- **HOUSING** is also being given careful attention. The Chicago Association of Commerce reports confidently that the city's hotels can accommodate 400,000 guests a day. This organization will also have available complete information on lodgings in private homes, clubs and semi-private institutions.

- **HOTEL RATES** will not be advanced, according to a public announcement by the president of the Chicago Hotel Association.

- **PREPARATORY WORK** began more than three years in advance of the opening date, thus enabling the carrying on of many experiments and tests, and resulting in marked economies of materials and construction methods, and in the achievement of effects otherwise impossible.

*Century Progress*

May 27, 1932

Mr. A. W. Bitting  
A Century of Progress,  
International Exposition  
Administration Building  
Burnside Park  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Bitting:

With reference to your inquiry about the contents of the Offut store where Lincoln was employed I would refer you to Mr. Thomas Reet, Petersburg, Illinois.

I believe that he has more information on this subject than anyone else and can tell you where the Lincoln cabin was moved to after it ceased to be occupied as a store. I feel quite sure he can give you the accurate dimensions of it.

If you do not find sufficient information there for your needs, will you please write me again and I will go through what literature I have here for any other authentic data on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB



# "CENTURY OF PROGRESS"

## LINCOLN EXHIBIT

### "ABRAHAM LINCOLN GROUP" ONE OF EXPOSITION'S MOST INTER- ESTING FEATURES

Lincoln Exhibit, with Lincoln Book Store Operated by  
"The Economy," to Be Opened  
to Public Immediately

By Paul Fox

Every reader of The Spectator knows that June, 1933, will witness the opening of the greatest "World's Fair" ever attempted—The Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago.

But the fact that some of the exhibits will be ready, and open to the public **early this June** and that one of those opening this month is devoted exclusively to honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln, is probably news to most of you.

#### From Birth to Presidency

The Abraham Lincoln Group is the official name of this unique exhibit. Reproduced here are buildings inseparably associated with Lincoln's life, containing authentic relics of the period in which lived, and mementos with Lincoln associations. They trace his life from the time of his birth to his nomination as candidate for the Presidency.

The first building of the Group is his birthplace, the tiny log cabin near Hodgenville, Kentucky. Immediately to the South of this shrine of all Lincoln lovers, is young Abraham's first home in Illinois, a cabin which the 21-year-old Lincoln and his father, with the aid of Denis Hanks, John D. Johnston and Squire Hall, built on the banks of the Sangamon River, about ten miles west of Decatur. This is considerably larger than the Birthplace, and possesses the added luxury (in those days) of a porch.

In 1832 Abraham Lincoln entered into partnership with Wm. F. Berry in the ownership of a grocery and general merchandise store in New Salem. The building which housed this business venture is the third one of the Group. The interior is historically accurate, even to the wares on the shelves, which create just the right atmosphere for so historically interesting a spot.

#### The Wigwam at Chicago

Contrasting strongly with the aged appearance of these buildings, is the glaring newness of the Wigwam in Chicago, where Lincoln was nominated for the presidency. And the shining pine boards are as appropriate for this as are the century-old logs for the cabins, for the original was built in two weeks, and was finished just one week before the convention assembled. It was destroyed in the great Chicago fire, (Please Turn to Page 3, Column 1)

but enough records were available to enable an accurate replica to be built.

Inside the Wigwam is a reproduction of the room in Lincoln's home at Springfield where he received the news that he was to be a candidate for the office of President of the United States.

#### Many Antiques and Curios

A profusion of curios and antiques associated directly and indirectly with the life of the Great Emancipator is to be seen on all sides as one follows the guides through this intensely interesting display. Everything possible has been done to make the exhibit outstanding among the many absorbing displays at the Century of Progress Exposition.

#### Ideally Located

The Lincoln Group is ideally situated for easy access. It is immediately south of the replica of Fort Dearborn, between the Outer Drive and the shore of the lake about the middle of the space occupied by the Fair.

At present automobiles are permitted on the outer drive, so that one may drive directly to the entrance of the Lincoln Group. After the Exposition opens, a year from this June, busses will pass it at frequent intervals.

#### Builders Deserve Praise

The Congress Construction Company, who built the Group, deserve a great deal of credit for the admirable way in which they have worked out all the details to achieve an historically accurate exhibit.

Authorities on Lincoln, such as

Dr. Louis A. Warren, author of "The Prairie President" and other works, Mrs. Eleanor Gridley, lecturer and writer on Lincoln, and others, have given freely of their knowledge that the exhibit might be worthy of its name.

#### "The Economy" Participates

A fifth building, constructed of logs to harmonize with the rest of the buildings, will be occupied by The Economy Book Store. Here admirers of Lincoln will find a wealth of variety in books about Abraham Lincoln, and along similar lines, from which to make their selections. What more fitting souvenir could one take home from the Abraham Lincoln Group than a book or books about him?

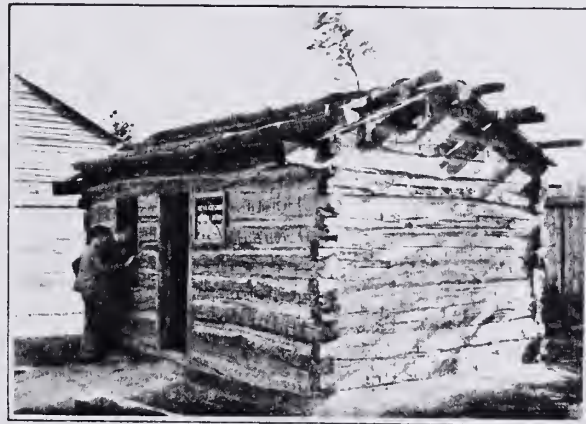
Rare collectors' items of Lincolniana will be found side by side with popular editions of Lincoln biographies. Books being sold at reduced prices will rub elbows with choice Lincolniana of the higher priced sort. There will be something to satisfy the reading taste and purse of every visitor.

Be sure to visit the Abraham Lincoln Group at your earliest opportunity. Out of town readers who may be in Chicago during the coming National Conventions of both major political parties will find it well worth their while to drive down the Outer Drive to the two most interesting exhibits—those with historic backgrounds—The Abraham Lincoln Group and Fort Dearborn. They are side by side on the Lake Shore, just north of 31st Street.

#### ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHPLACE

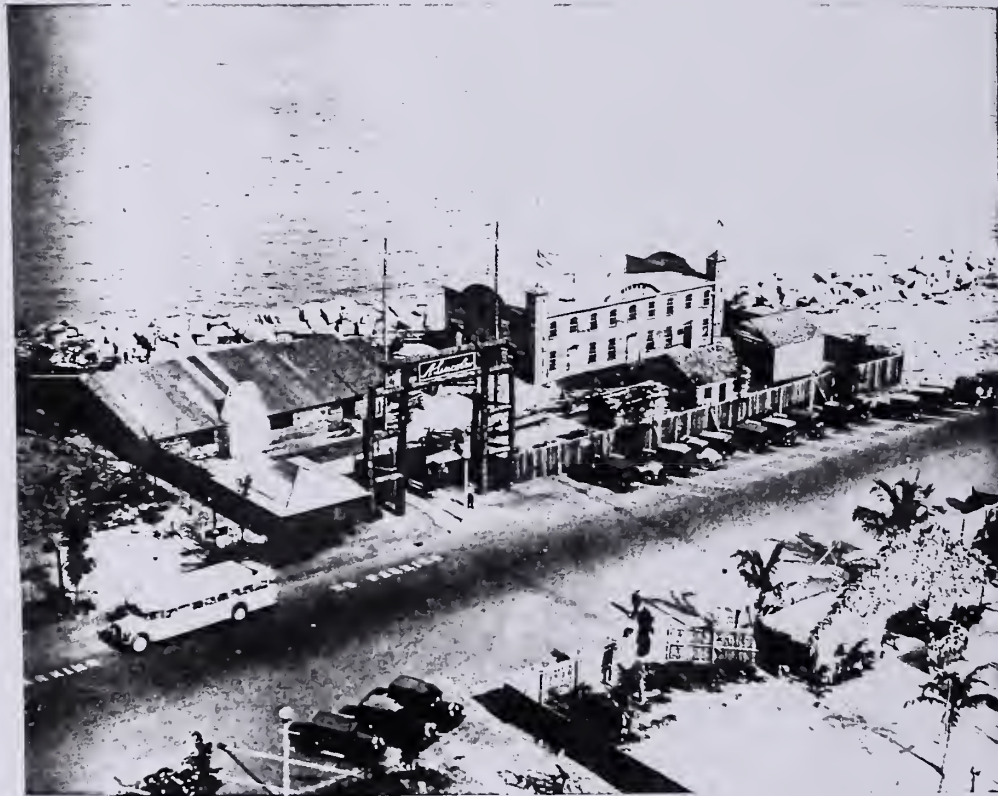
This replica of Abraham Lincoln's birthplace forms but a part of the Lincoln Group that will be visited by those who attend *A Century of Progress*. The logs and timbers in this cabin are more than a century old.

Be one of our Production Club members in 1933 and see *A Century of Progress*. There are still nearly three months in which to qualify.



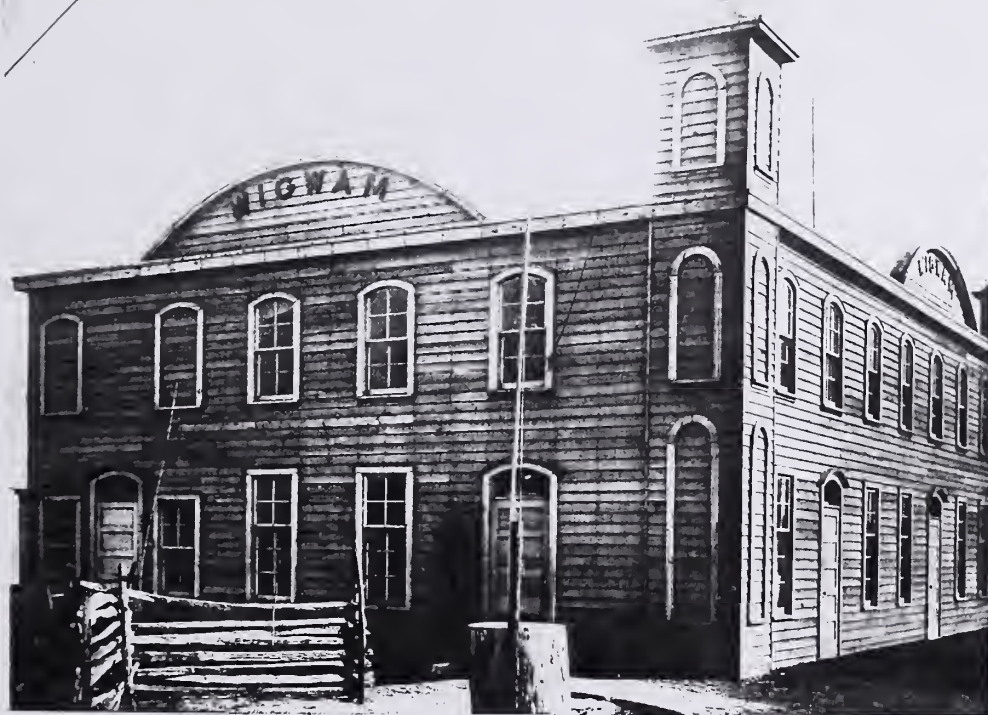
REPLICA ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHPLACE

1933 World's Fair (original in safe)  
Chicago





1933 Chicago World's Fair (original in color)





1933 Chicago World's Fair (original in color)



1933 Chicago World's Fair (original in Sale)



1933 Chicago World's Fair (original in safe)



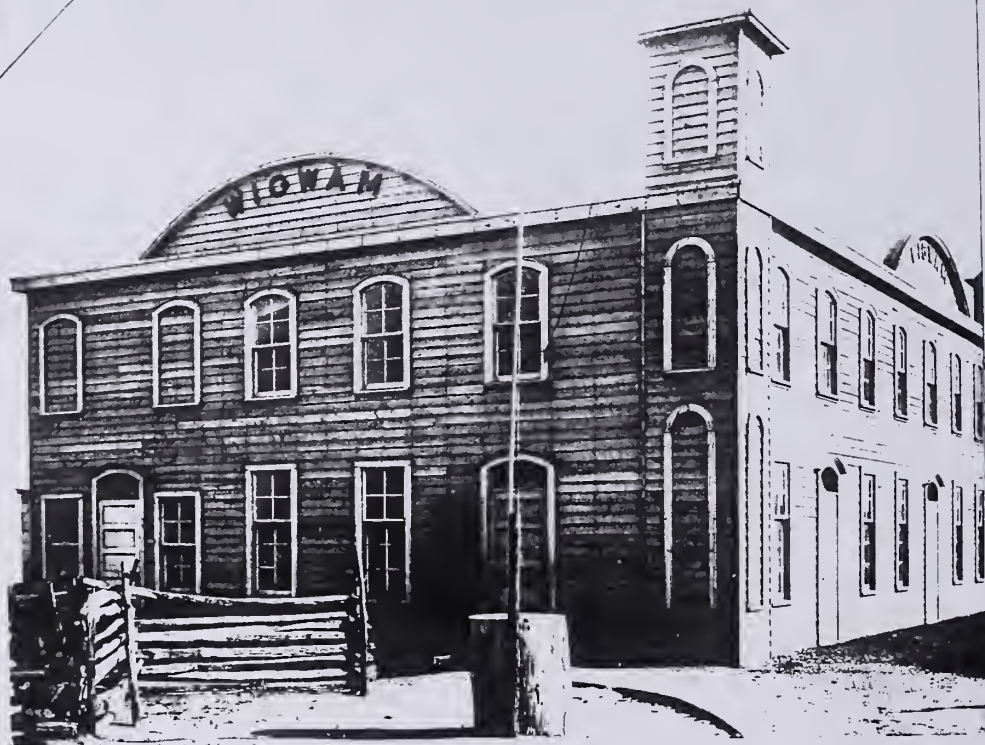


1933 Chicago World's Fair (original on site)





1920 Chicago's World Fair (original in color)



# ILLINOIS DAY AT FAIR FRIDAY TO BE A BIG ONE

## Parade, Review and Music on Bill.

(Picture on page 16.)

Illinois day at A Century of Progress next Friday, Aug. 11, is to be a busy day, a big day, one of the biggest days of the whole Fair.

Lieut. Gov. Thomas F. Donovan, chairman of the state commission of the Fair, announced the outline of the program for the celebration yesterday following a meeting of a special committee in charge of the arrangements. The committee includes Carter H. Harrison, David E. Shanahan, Richard J. Barr and Peter B. Carey.

According to the tentative schedule activities will start at 9:30 in the morning. A parade, a military review, a luncheon, two dinners, public speaking, choral singing and a concert by massed military bands are among the features.

### Pay Ex-Governors Tribute.

The day will open with a tribute to the ex-governors of Illinois. All of the living former chief executives of the state from the veteran Joseph W. Fifer of Bloomington, now 92 years old, down to Louis L. Emmerson, predecessor of Gov. Horner, who will be a prominent figure throughout the ceremonies, have been invited as guests of honor. They and their wives will be at the head of the procession from the Congress hotel to the 14th street entrance to the Fair which will start about 9:30. As they enter the grounds the special guests will receive military honors.

Another in this group will be Sherry Johns of Decatur, the only living member of the commission that represented Illinois at the World's Columbian Exposition of '93.

### Horner at Welcoming.

The procession will wind up at 10:30 at the Court of States where there will be addresses by Gov. Horner, Speaker Rainey, United States Senator Dieterich, Rufus C. Dawes and Mayor Kelly. This will be followed by a luncheon in the Illinois Hostess building to which the 1,300 Illinois mayors have been invited.

Following the luncheon there will be brief exercises in the same building in connection with the display of a "lost" portrait of Abraham Lincoln which Gov. Horner and J. F. Cornelius have been instrumental in bringing to the Fair.

This portrait, for which the martyred President posed for the artist, George Frederick Wright, just after his nomination, shows him with a smooth shaven face. Lincoln presented it to the then state treasurer, William Butler, and it remained in the Butler family, finally coming into the possession of Edward Payne of Springfield, who died last year. It was discovered in a bank vault at the state capital recently and was brought to Chicago yesterday.

The former governors, their wives,

- AUGUST 6, 1933.

and a number of state officers will be Gov. Horner's guests at luncheon in the trustees' lounge in the Hall of Science and will attend the ceremonies in connection with the portrait.

The hours from 2 to 4 will be occupied by the governor's review of the entire 33d division, which will be preceded by the largest peace time troop movement ever witnessed in the state, all of the division units except the artillery, which will join up from their armories here, moving from Camp Grant to Chicago for the review.

In the evening the governor's stag dinner to the officers of the guard above the rank of lieutenant will be given at the naval reserve armory and will be attended by the former governors. At the same hour the state hostesses headed by Mrs. Carter H. Harrison will entertain the wives of the former governors and others at dinner in the trustees' lounge.

At 8 o'clock there will be choral singing in the court of the Hall of Science. At the same hour the Woman's Symphony orchestra will open a concert at the Floating theater in the north lagoon.



# A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

## Lincoln's homes intrigue Paul and Camilla

By RUBY BRADFORD MURPHY

"Here is Lincoln's birthplace—a replica of the original one-room cabin now enshrined at Hodgenville, Kentucky," said Uncle John. They had just emerged from the Rutledge Tavern at one corner of the log stockade which surrounded the Lincoln Group, and were approaching the smallest structure within the enclosure.

"What a place to be born in!" Camilla shuddered, noting the hard-beaten earth floor and scanty furnishings—spinning wheel, chair, wooden cradle, and improvised bed of poles anchored in the chinked logs of the walls.

"Hickory slats supported a feather bed," Uncle John explained.

"The fireplace is the only cheerful thing here," observed Paul.

Uncle John continued: "Stories describe little Abe's toys—a dried gourd rattle that 'growed', and a stick horse with a carved

replica of the Lincoln-Berry General Store, which Lincoln and William Berry conducted in Salem, Illinois, in 1832; but the three stepped inside to see the group depicting Lincoln's assassination, displayed there.

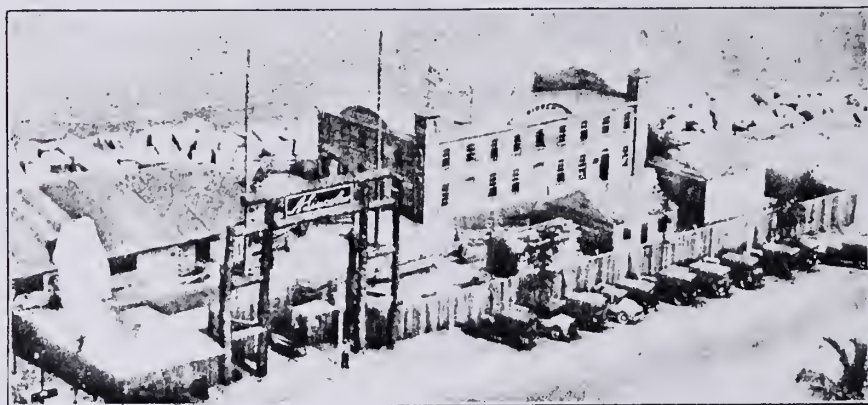
They liked the exhibits in the Wigwam.

"The building is a duplicate, except for size, of the rambling Chicago convention hall where Lincoln was nominated for the Presidency in 1860," their uncle said. Inside the door he stopped before the small post office, saying: "Lincoln was postmaster, too, in Salem. This shows how mail was handled in those days."

"Is this north parlor in the Springfield home, where Lincoln received news of his Presidential nomination, the same room that is in the Illinois Host House?" Camilla asked.

"No, that is the sitting room," Uncle John answered.

Paul, meanwhile, scrutinized the conven-



KAUFMANN & FABRY

### The Lincoln Group

The three small buildings at the right of the entrance inside the stockade are, from left to right, replicas of Lincoln's birthplace near Hodgenville, Kentucky, of his boyhood home on Little Pigeon Creek, Indiana, and of the Lincoln-Berry General Store at Salem, Illinois. Back of them is the Wigwam, a duplicate of the Chicago convention hall in which Lincoln was nominated for President in 1860. In the left background is Rutledge Tavern.

wood head, made by Thomas Lincoln for his son."

"Picture the great Lincoln shaking a gourd and riding stick horses!" laughed Paul.

They found the reproduction of the cabin on Little Pigeon Creek, Indiana, where the family lived during Lincoln's boyhood, more livable and spacious than the one in Kentucky.

"Lincoln deserved fame!" declared Paul, gazing at the figure of the boy lying before the fireplace, using a shovel for a slate.

"Few boys overcame such handicaps," said the guard. "Those pegs in the wall lead to his loft bed with its straw tick. Abe even studied up there by the dim firelight that flickered through the cracks."

"Lincoln's father thought education unnecessary. It was the boy's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, who sent him, with his sister, Sarah, to school in Kentucky."

Paul spoke up: "To a 'blab-school', so named because the pupils studied aloud."

"You're making that up," accused Camilla.

"No, he's right," affirmed Uncle John, "and Lincoln loved school."

They turned their attention to the articles, typical of "pioneerdom", displayed in the Indiana cabin—the corner cupboard, tallow dip for candles, wooden wheel clock, bootjack, tar bucket, and primitive meat grinder.

"Some of these need their labels—that, for instance," said Camilla, indicating a wooden wrench to tighten cord bed ropes.

tion banners and posters. "Look!—a poster picturing an open eye, labeled 'Wide Awake'; and another, 'Lincoln—the Comet of 1860'."

"At first the Springfield lawyer ran so far behind William H. Seward and Salmon P. Chase in the race for nomination for the Presidency," said Uncle John, "that when 'the Railsplitter' was nominated, pandemonium shook the rafters."

"See these rare prints," Camilla urged. "Here's one, 'The Republican Banner for 1860,' with the Honorable Abraham Lincoln for President and the Honorable Hannibal Hamlin for Vice President—and another, of 1864, with Lincoln and Andrew Johnson."

"These war-time political cartoons are interesting!" said Uncle John. "So is this picture, 'Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation Before the Cabinet'."

To Paul's delight the attendant let them read original letters written by the martyred President, dating from 1841 to 1865.

"The perfect English which Lincoln acquired in manhood," Uncle John told them, "was largely the result of his close study of the Bible. His mother's influence, too, meant much. It was she who insisted on his going to school—although Lincoln was practically self-educated, through the reading of good books."

"What if he'd lived before the day of books?" Camilla suggested.

"Fortunately, he didn't," was Uncle John's reply, "but I think that Lincoln, in any age, would have been a remarkable man."



# The WIGWAM

HISTORICAL EXHIBITS

Lincoln Group, Century of Progress

CHICAGO

November 4, 1933

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
The Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Dr. Warren:

As the end of A Century of Progress approaches, we recall your interest as expressed some weeks ago in whatever material remains with us. It is rather difficult for us to make selections to send you. What remains of miscellaneous Lincoln material will be closed at nominal prices. The two remaining Lincoln letters to Judge William Martin, of the three you saw, will remain until November 12, only.

We remember that at one time you mentioned an opportunity you had at one time of buying <sup>a</sup> note written by Lincoln renewing a pass for a ten-year-old boy. Such a note has been offered to us, and we may have it here within the next few days.

We have an opportunity to secure, also, an apparently contemporary silver bas relief of Lincoln's profile in the original shadow box frame. We should like to show this to you when you come up. We have thought that we can have also some of the other important items from other sources together, as we should like your opinion on them. Let us know, if you can, when you are coming, as I should like to be here in person to show them to you.

Sincerely,

*Bess B. Dahlquist*  
Bess B. Dahlquist

Conducted by <sup>MP/</sup> THE HO HO SHOP, 4024 Lake Park Avenue

Phone Drexel 2686

BESS B. DAHLQUIST

ALBERT B. DAHLQUIST

EDWARD DAHLQUIST



November 7, 1933

Mrs. Bess B. Dahlquist  
The Wigwam, Lincoln Group  
Century of Progress  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Dahlquist:

It looks now as if I will not be able to get up to the exposition again before it closes and I am writing today to Mr. Bonnell if he will see to it that the display of Lincoln cartoons which are the property of our Foundation here which have been exhibited in the Wigwam, can be shipped to us at Fort Wayne at the earliest convenience.

I believe that you were using the back of the displays for some of your own prints and I want you to be sure that they are removed before the displays are returned.

If you care to ship on to us by express any material which you may have left after the closing of the exhibit, we will be very glad to pay the charges both ways and select such material from your collection as we may wish to keep.

I regret very much my inability to visit the Wigwam again before it closes but I do not feel now that it will be possible for me to come.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

November 7, 1933

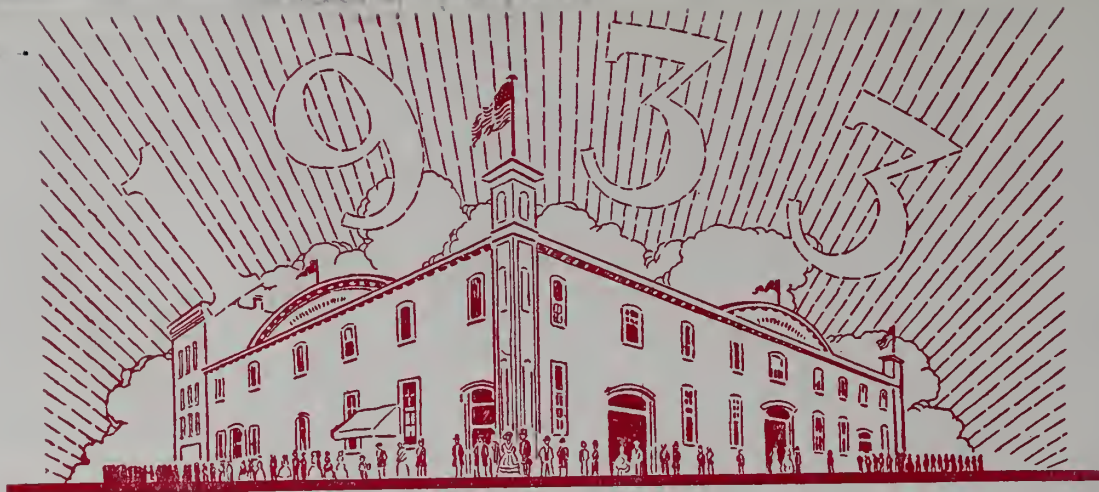
Bess B. Dahlquist  
Ho Ho Shop  
4024 Lake Park Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear madam:

We are very happy to place your name on our Lincoln Lore mailing list. A few current copies are enclosed and subsequent issues will be sent at the end of each month.

Very sincerely,

Ellen Herendean  
Asst. Editor,  
Lincoln Lore



# The WIGWAM

HISTORICAL EXHIBITS

Lincoln Group, Century of Progress

CHICAGO

Nov. 19-33.

Dr. Louis Warren -

Ft. Wayne - Ind.

My dear Dr. Warren:

We are making a short drive through Indiana Tuesday and expect to be in Ft. Wayne early afternoon. As you suggest, this we are bringing the residue of our Lincoln material for your inspect.

If this time is inconvenient for you kindly advise us, by wire collect, at the address given below.

Thanking you, we are,

Sincerely yours  
Wigwam Shop

Albert B. Dahlquist

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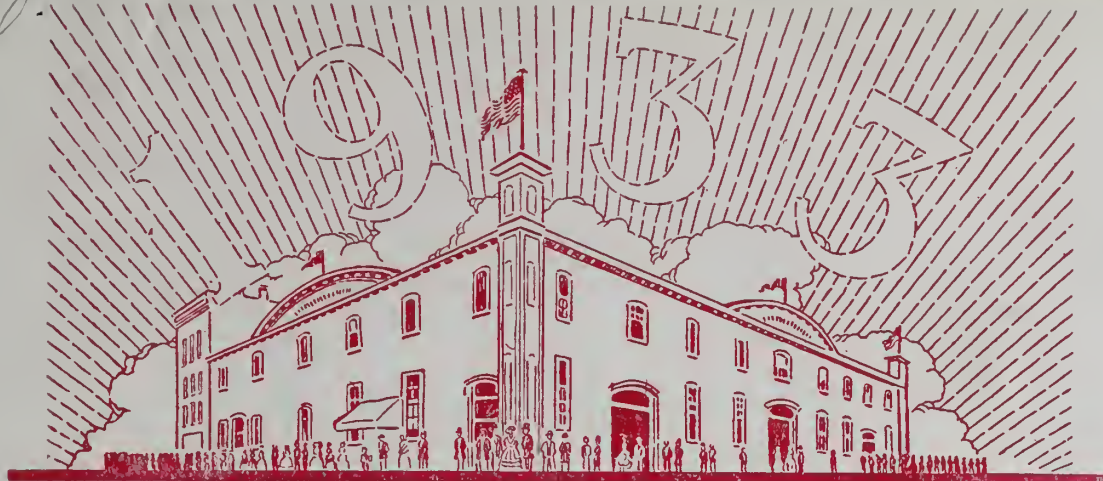
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# The WIGWAM

HISTORICAL EXHIBITS

Lincoln Group, Century of Progress

CHICAGO

November 25, 1933  
The Ho Ho Shop  
4024 Lake Park Avenue

Dr. Louie Warren  
Lincoln National Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Dr. Warren:

We find it possible, in concluding the disposal of the 50 pieces of Lincoln music, to price the ~~seven~~ you are interested in at \$20.

May we thank you for your information about the silver relief of Lincoln. We did find the duplicate in better condition with Mrs. Goodrich, and expect to be able to use it.

We are placing the Lincoln letters and some of the other more valuable items in the bank safety-deposit vault. Should you be coming up before the holidays and would care to look them over again, let us know so that we may have ~~them~~ available for you. The smaller things that you have not seen we have, of course, here at the shop at all times.

Thank you for your courtesy to us.

Sincerely,

Bess B. Dahlquist

MP/

Conducted by THE HO HO SHOP, 4024 Lake Park Avenue

Phone Drexel 2686

BESS B. DAHLQUIST

ALBERT B. DAHLQUIST

EDWARD DAHLQUIST

November 29, 1933

Mrs. Bess B. Dahlquist  
The Ho Ho Shop  
4024 Lake Park Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Dahlquist:

I am pleased to know that you discovered a duplicate of your Lincoln item at Mrs. Goodrich's and I sincerely trust you may be able to acquire it as I have always felt indirectly responsible for having misplaced it.

We will let you know in just a few days about the music as I think our appropriation for next year will be made known to us very soon if we are to have one.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:EB

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation



# The WIGWAM

HISTORICAL EXHIBITS  
Lincoln Group, Century of Progress  
CHICAGO

December 5, 1933

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

My dear Dr. Warren:

Two articles from the Hammond collection were signed by John E. Burton, and purchasers have asked information about Mr. Burton and any of his heirs. We understand that he was a Milwaukee collector and that his collection was released in the east. Do you know when and where this collection was released and have you information on living relatives?

*Andersen Galleries about 1815 War 1816*

We shall appreciate any information you may be able to give us on these matters.

We believe one print was left with the seven pieces of music for your consideration.

Since this is a begging letter, may we ask if you have any material showing a close relationship between Lincoln and the musical Hutcheson family? We have an inquiry on this matter, also, and have not been able, to date, to prove the relationship.

We are enclosing a stamp for your reply.

Sincerely,

*Bess B. Dahlquist*  
Bess B. Dahlquist  
Phone Drexel 2686

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Conducted by THE HO HO SHOP, 4024 Lake Park Avenue

BESS B. DAHLQUIST

ALBERT B. DAHLQUIST

EDWARD DAHLQUIST



December 8, 1933

Bess B. Dahlquist  
4024 Lake Park Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Dahlquist:

I regret I cannot find any information about the Hutcheson family further than the fact that one of the members published a songster during the war which we have in our library.

I know of no close relationship, however, between Lincoln and the family.

We have a young lady who has been in here several times doing research work on Lincoln and Music and possibly she has come across something. The next time she comes I will ask her about the family.

With reference to the John E. Burton library, it was sold by the Anderson Gallery, the first instalment on October 1815 and the second in March, 1916.

The last I heard none of the descendants was still living in Milwaukee; where she now is, I do not know, and I cannot recall her name. It seems to me it was a daughter of Mr. Burton but I am quite sure that everything she had was sold.

We will let you know in a few days about the music and print.

Very sincerely yours,

LAW:LH

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation



# The WIGWAM

~~LINCOLN GROUP~~ \* ~~Century of Progress~~

HISTORICAL EXHIBITS : ANTIQUES : DECORATIONS

4024 Lakø Park Av.

CHICAGO

March 2<sup>n</sup> 1934.

Mr. R. Gerald McMurtry,  
Lincoln National Life Foundation,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Mr. McMurtey :-

It would be a great accomodation if the matter of the music sheets could now be taken care of. They are part of the lot of fifty consigned to me at the Fair. The owner made a reduced price on the remainder ( including yours ) I am being pressed for final settlement and am short of cash.

Could you tell me whether there is any record of a Miss Betty Clarke , friend of Lincoln in Springfield in 1839.?

She was in Philadelphia in 1871 and on May 6<sup>n</sup> of that year wrote a letter to John C. DeWitt regarding a cupboard purported to have been made by and given to her by Lincoln. There is also the receipt for the \$200.00 that Mr. DeWitt gave her. Cupboard was in DeWitt collection in England most of succeeding years until his death and was inherited and returned by ( have not other names at hand ) I am well aware how historians dislike this sort of " association " story. In my work with historical furnishings I pay very small heed to heavily documented articles of recent discovery. But I do follow up stories sustained by written record of the period or so near the period as this.

The cupboard is supposed to have been given in Springfield in 1839. All of which is more than likely a Fairy Tale of extra early vintage. Should you find any record to justify I will secure copied of all letters and papers on the subject.

Thanking you;

*Edw B. Dahlquist*

Operated by THE HO HO SHOP, 4024 Lake Park Avenue

BESS B. DAHLQUIST

ALBERT B. DAHLQUIST

EDWARD DAHLQUIST

March 9, 1934

Mrs. Bess B. Dahlquist  
The Ho Ho Shop  
4024 Lake Park Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Dahlquist:

I regret exceedingly the long delay in forwarding you the check which is due you for the sheet music. At last we have our budget set aside and we are now ready to check up on it so you will please find a check covering same.

Thanking you for your patience and trusting we may have occasion to acquire further Lincoln items from you, we remain,

Very truly yours,

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

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## Lincoln's Room Holds Center of Interest at World's Fair

Although competing with the manifold exhibits of the greatest world's fair in American history, the Lincoln exhibit in Illinois Host house at A Century of Progress exposition holds its own as a drawing card, hostesses at the house pointed out today.

"Surprising as it may seem, when there are so many other things to see, the Lincoln exhibit is viewed daily by hundreds of visitors, which shows that the American people have not lost faith in their greatest leader," explained one of the hostesses.

The Lincoln room is in the north wing of the host house. Part of it is devoted to a reproduction of the living room in the Lincoln home at Springfield, Ill. Here you can see Lincoln's favorite chair, as well as a marble-topped table and an upholstered settee from the Lincoln household, and these are arranged against a reproduction of the mantle and fireplace in the Springfield home.

### An Interesting Sidelight.

There is an interesting sidelight about the favorite chair of the great emancipator. It is a graceful rocker with an unusually high back. The painted decoration across its topmost edge is worn off from contact with Lincoln's shoulders—a condition that a shorter man could not have produced.

Above the mantle hangs one of the two original portraits of the civil-war president, painted by Cogswell. Near by is another item rich in its association with Lincoln.

It is a "kitchen safe," or cabinet, made by Thomas Lincoln, father of Abraham. This, too, was used in the Springfield home. A case of Lincoln's law books is on display here, as is the family photograph album kept by Mary Todd Lincoln, the president's wife.

Lincoln's struggles as a young lawyer are revealed in numerous hand-written documents prepared by himself and his partner in the law office of Lincoln & Herndon during the year 1850. These items are shown in glass cases.

### Relics of Presidency.

Then come relics of his term as president of the United States—the terrible period of the war between the states. Two portraits—a painting and an engraving—are shown, as is the life mask and the hands of Lincoln, done in bronze by L. W. Volk.

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# CROWDS VISIT LINCOLN ROOM

Martyr President's Belongings Attract Many

Although competing with the manifold exhibits of the greatest world's fair in American history, the Lincoln exhibit in Illinois Host house at the Century of Progress exposition holds its own as a drawing card, hostesses at the house pointed out today.

"Surprising as it may seem, when there are so many other things to see, the Lincoln exhibit is viewed daily by hundreds of visitors, which shows that the American people have not lost faith in their greatest leader," explained one of the hostesses.

The Lincoln room is in the north wing of the host house. Part of it is devoted to a reproduction of the living room in the Lincoln home at Springfield, Ill. Here you can see Lincoln's favorite chair, as well as a marble-topped table and an upholstered settee from the Lincoln household, and these are arranged against a reproduction of the mantel and fireplace in the Springfield home.

There is an interesting sidelight about the favorite chair of the great emancipator. It is a graceful rocker with an unusually high back. The painted decoration across its topmost edge is worn off from contact with Lincoln's shoulders—a condition that a shorter man could not have produced.

Above the mantel hangs one of the two original portraits of the Civil-war President, painted by Cogswell. Near by is another item, rich in its association with Lincoln. It is a "kitchen safe," or cabinet, made by Thomas Lincoln, father of Abraham. This, too, was used in the Springfield home. A case of Lincoln's law books is on display here, as is the family photograph album kept by Mary Todd Lincoln, the President's wife.

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# MEMORY OF LINCOLN IS HONORED IN CITY

Orators Retell Career of Great Emancipator on 127th Anniversary.

Philadelphia paid its annual tribute yesterday to Abraham Lincoln.

With a dignity and simplicity that characterized the life of "Honest Abe," civic and fraternal institutions throughout the city commemorated the 127th anniversary of his birth.

Orators retold the career of the Great Emancipator from the time of his birth in a one-room log cabin in Hodgenville, Ky., to the tragedy of his assassination in Ford's Theater at Washington on April 14, 1865.

Union League Heare Speech. Members of the Union League and their friends gathered in Lincoln Hall at the club to listen to an address by Representative Clarence E. Hancock, of New York. Later a buffet supper was served in the South Marble Room.

Mayor Wilson was among those who lauded Lincoln at the 16th annual Lincoln's Day banquet, tendered by the Legion of Honor, LaLu Temple, at 1337 Spring Garden st.

Other speakers were Representatives William A. Eikwall, of Oregon, and Joseph Starnes, of Alabama, and Major General Amos A. Freas, U. S. A., retired.

The State Fencible Post No. 142, American Legion, held exercises at their headquarters, 804 W. Girard ave. Guest speakers included Harry A. Mackey, former Mayor; Representative Frank J. C. Dorsey; Mrs. Flora Billig, president of the Philadelphia American War Mothers; Mother Moore and Morris H. Starr, commander of the Fencibles Post.

Gettysburg Address Read. Girard College held its celebration in the morning in the college chapel. Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" was delivered by Robert Saidutti.

The principal address was made by Stacy B. Southworth, headmaster of Thayer Academy, South Braintree, Mass., who also was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club in the Bellevue-Stratford.

In the afternoon, Troop 264, Boy Scouts of America, sponsored by the James Evans Memorial Presbyterian Church, Broad st. and Moyamensing ave., conducted its third annual pilgrimage to the statue of Lincoln on the East River Drive in Fairmount Park. A wreath was placed on the statue. Rev. George B. Pence, pastor of the church and chairman of the troop committee, delivered a memorial address.

Colors Presented.

At exercises in Episcopal Academy, Colonel Clarence B. Frank, commander of the color guard of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the American Revolution, presented a stand of colors.

The Henry Howard Houston Post, American Legion, held its celebration at 47 High st., Germantown.

A Lincoln Birthday party was given by the Archbishop Ryan and Cardinal Dougherty Assemblies, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, at San Domingo House, 2009 Spruce st., last night.





**When Politics Was Really Hot in 1860**—With Abraham Lincoln nominated for the Presidency and the country headed toward civil war, the 4-year-old Republican party was seething with activity 74 years ago. In imitation of the Republican "Wigwam" at Chicago in which Lincoln was nominated, one was built on Broad st., north of Arch, adjoining the old First Baptist Church, which stood where the U. G. I. building is now, and smaller ones were built in other places for meetings. The one above stood on 6th st., below Parrish. (From collection in Free Library.)



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Delaware 5837  
100 E. Chicago Ave.

June 16" 1935.

Dr. Louis Warren  
The Lincoln Nat. Life Insurance Co.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

My dear Dr. Warren :-

I shall very much appreciate a list , or referance to  
what you believe to be the most accurate list of the articles  
known to have been in the Abraham Lincoln birth cabin. Also  
such items as are kno wn to have been in use outside the cabin.

We are quite familiar with the pioneer furnishings of thr  
period but find that opinions differ as to the articles used by  
the Lincolns.

It has seemed to me that with Thomas Lincoln a carpenter and  
Abraham the second child there would be some sort of crude cradle.

Is it definitely known that there were stools only - or  
may there have been the Kentucky pioneer chairs of the period ?

We are furnishing a reproduction of the birth cabin which  
is to be used wide ly for educational purposes. We have located  
plenty of material correct as to locality and period. From this we  
wish to include or eliminate with referance to the best possible  
information . We therefor write you.

May we have the privelege of " Lincoln Lore" at (this address.)

We shall be happy to take care of any expense.

Sincerely,

*B. B. Dahlquist*

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BBD/AR

June 19, 1935

Mrs. B. B. Dahlquist  
100 East Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Dahlquist:

I regret exceedingly that there is no definite information as to the articles of furniture which found a place in the cabin in which Lincoln was born.

I think you are right in concluding the furnishings of an average pioneer home would be similar to those found in the Lincoln home, not excluding, of course, the cradle which was found in every pioneer home.

There is no doubt but what there was a good feather bed in the Lincoln home, pieces of furniture which were made by Mr. Lincoln who was a very fine cabinet maker, probably a corner cupboard, a table, chairs that Lincoln was able to make himself that were something more than stools, and the usual furnishings to be found about the fire place.

We are just about to furnish an old cabin here in Fort Wayne and when we have it completed we will advise you just what we have used to represent the birthplace cabin of Abraham Lincoln as far as its furnishings are concerned.

Very truly yours,

LAW:LH

Director





**LINCOLN GROUP AND U. S. ARMY CAMP NEXT ON WORLD FAIR TOUR.**

The Lincoln group (above) is to the left on southward trip after leaving Fort Dearborn, the last scene presented yesterday. The army camp (below) is south of Lincoln group on both sides of road.



## LINCOLN LOG CABIN GOES ON EXHIBIT IN MUSEUM THIS WEEK

A replica of the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born 128 years ago next Friday will go on exhibit this week in the museum of the Chicago Historical society in Lincoln park.

The cabin, part of the Lincoln exhibit at a Century of Progress exposition, completes a series of rooms at the museum that attempt to reconstruct the living personality of Lincoln. It will be placed on permanent exhibit.

The society's noted collection of Lincolniana will be on special exhibit all this week. This includes almost every known photograph, daguerreotype and portrait of Lincoln. A special showing of the motion picture, "Abraham Lincoln," with Walter Huston in the title rôle, will be held at 3 p. m. next Sunday in the auditorium.

The Grand Army Hall and Memorial Association of Illinois will hold its 38th Lincoln birthday service at 2 p. m. Friday in Memorial hall of the Chicago public library.







